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**THE MESSAGE.**  
President Harrison Dis-  
cusses National  
Affairs.  
In His Annual Communi-  
cation to Congress  
He Urges the Passage of t

**Lodge Election Bill**

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**And Says the McKinley Tariff Law Must  
Given a Fair Trial.**

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**Our Foreign Relations in a Sat-  
isfactory Condition.**

**The State of the Nation's Finances  
Discussed—Reciprocity In-  
dorsed.**

**They Are Friendly.**  
To the Senate and House of Representatives.  
The reports of the several executive departments, which will be laid before Congress the usual course, will exhibit in detail the operations of the Government for the fiscal year. Only the more important incidents and results, and chiefly such as may be foundation of the recommendations I shall submit, will be referred to in this annual message.

The vast and increasing business of the Government has been transacted by the several departments during the year with faithful

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oned by the conference held in this capital to consider measures for the general welfare. It is pursuant to the invitation, authorized by Congress, of the representative of every independent State of the American Continent and of thirty-nine conference, in this capital in October, 1889, continued in session until the 19th of last April. This important convocation, marks a most interesting and influential epoch in the history

Brazil, invited while under an imperial form of government, shared as a Republic in the liberations and results of the conference. The recommendations of this conference were transmitted to Congress at the last session.

**Divers Foreign Matters.**

The communications of the *Chin Ké Min* have brought into view the whole subject of conventional relations with this country, at the same time this Government, through legation at Peking, has sought to arrange a new matter, and possibly touching the

On the 22d day of August last Sir Edu-  
Manson, the arbitrator, selected under  
treaty of December 1888, rendered an award

Our relations with the French republic-  
tinue to be entirely cordial. Our representa-  
at that court has very diligently tried the  
moral of the restrictions placed upon our  
products; and it is believed that substan-  
progress has been made towards the sur-

The Samoan treaty, signed last year at Berlin by the representatives of the United States, Germany and Great Britain, after duration of negotiation and exchange, has begun to produce satisfactory effects. The formation of the government has proceeded with great rapidity, and the country has been governed by a stable administration, unlike the natives and equitable to the three paramount concerns in trade and intercourse.

the national standards. The chief justice has been chosen by the King of Sweden and Norway on the invitation of the three powers, and soon to be installed. The Land Commission, the Municipal Council are in process of organization. A rational and evenly distributed scheme of taxation, both municipal and imports, is in operation. Malleton is responsible as king.

**The Seal Question.**  
The difference between the two governments touching the fur seal question in the Beaufort Sea is not yet adjusted, as will be seen by correspondence which will soon be laid before the public.

arbitration, as proposed by her Majesty's Government, has not been accepted, for the reason that the form of submission proposed is thought to be calculated to assure a conclusion satisfactory to either party. It is sincerely hoped that before the opening of another trading season some arrangement may be effected which will assure to the United States a full and every right, derived from Russia, which was

In the tariff act a wrong was done to the Kingdom of Hawaii which I am bound to pre-  
sent was wholly unintentional. Duties were  
on certain commodities which are included  
in the reciprocity treaty now existing between  
the United States and the Kingdom of Hawaii,  
out indicating necessary exception in favor

An award in favor of the United States in the matter of the claim of Mr. Van Bokkelen against Hayti was rendered on the 4th of December, but owing to disorders then and afterwards prevailing in Hayti, the terms of payment were not observed. A new agreement as to the time of payment has been approved and is now being carried out.

United States for redress of wrongs suffered during the late political conflict in Haiti. It is hoped, speedily yield to friendly treatment.

Propositions for the amendment of the extradition between the United States and Italy are now under consideration.

You will be asked to provide the means of accepting the invitation of the Italian Government to take part in an approaching conference.

In this connection I may refer with ap-  
proval to the suggestion of my predecessor

...and the most important, the urgent invitation of foreign governments to share in, contributing to the advancement of internal reforms in regard to science, sanitation, moral law, and procedure, and other in advancing the intercourse and progress of communities.

**The Portuguese Incident.**

In the summer of 1883 an incident occurred which for some time threatened to interrupt the cordiality of our relations with the Government of Portugal. That Government seized the Azores Bay Railway, which was constructed by a concession granted to an American company, and at the same time annulled the charter. The concessionary, who had backed his fortune in the enterprise, had exhausted other means of raising money, and was unable to meet the obligations of the railway.

was compelled to invoke the protection of the Government. Our representations, coincidentally with those of the Brigade Commandant, whose subjects were also largely cited, happily resulted in the recognition of Portugal of the propriety of submitting the

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Pass the Election" suggested that the development of the existing law providing a Federal supervision of Congressional elections was a "very good thing" and that these abuses, the need of such a law has manifested itself in many parts of the country and that the proposed law and amendments will be useful in all. The constitutionality of the bill was also affirmed by the Supreme Court. Its probable effectiveness is evidenced by the character of the bill, which is a "very good thing" and a Federal power and an increase of the power of the states. Nothing could be further from the truth. Congress has already acted in this regard and the bill is a "very good thing." It has declared that votes for members of Congress are to be counted by the Circuit Courts in certain cases, and upon the basis of the returns of the judges, the supervisors, and made it their duty to supervise the registration of voters conducted by the supervisors, to personally inspect and scrutinize the lists for the purpose of identification and the prevention of frauds; to attend on the day of the election to see that the votes are all cast and counted; to attend to the

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## POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The attention of our readers is particularly invited to the President's Message, on the first page. Comment next week. It has the right ring.

The official count of California shows that Mackham, rep., received 7,600 plurality for governor.

Harbor Springs Republican: It was the democratic victory and not the McKinley bill that knocked out Wall Street. The biggest financial crash during the past century.

The Wisconsin state senate is Republican after all. This will prevent a Democratic gerrymander of the state and the repeal of the compulsory education law. —Det. Tribune.

It is a little queer that in the "race riots" which periodically occur in certain sections of the South, it is always the negroes that get killed and wounded.

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle says that "Gen. Gordon is the greatest living confederate and Georgia is proud to have him for her senator." It was his record as a rebel that secured him the senatorship. —Det. Tribune.

The public debt statement issued on the 1st, shows that the public debt, less the cash in the treasury has increased \$6,130,819.31 during the month of November. The total cash in the treasury is \$675,840,136.32. —Day City Tribune.

Sec'y. Noble has carefully examined the work of the superintendent of the Eleventh census, and in his annual report he expresses the opinion that it will be found to be reliable and substantially correct. —Day City Tribune.

Lord Salisbury says that the McKinley law has injured English industries. But it is helping America, and that is what it was designed to do. Neither Mr. McKinley nor the republican party ever pretended that the McKinley bill was an engine of philanthropy. —Day City Tribune.

The attention of the democratic party is called to the fact that Thomas H. Reed is still speaker of the house of representatives. Mr. Reed can do a great deal to save this country from the democracy between this date and March 4th, next. —Day City Tribune.

We have not at all times agreed with Senator Ingalls, but we have no hesitation in saying that it would be a national calamity for the legislature of Kansas to allow a man of his wide experience and brainy ability to be retired to private life. Mr. Cleveland is writing letters against him; that alone should insure his triumphant election.

It never rains but it pours. The calamity editor of the Times hadn't a which it gives him in general to see a new factory open and more labor employed, and which the new tin plate mill at St. Louis gives him in particular, when it was announced that Baltimore Tin Plate Co. had bought 1,000 acres near Chicago for one of half a dozen big tin plate mills to be built. If it were not for Democratic victories now and then these McKinley times would be hard times for calamity editors. —New York Press.

The McKinley bill was signed on the first of October, and during that month 425,000,000 cigars were manufactured in this country and sent to market, against 370,000,000 for October, 1889, an increase of 14.86 per cent. For the previous nine months of the year the output was 1,620,000,000, as against 1,488,000,000 for the first nine months of 1889, an increase of 13,000,000, or 0.9 per cent. Thus, the McKinley bill has been so good for cigar manufacturers as to raise their rate of increase of business from 0 per cent, to nearly 15 per cent. And this increased business means increased employment and more money for cigar makers who are willing to do more piece work. —N. Y. Press.

The returns from the late election shows that it was not Democratic votes that gained the victory so much as it was the stay-at-home Republicans. In Indiana, with a Democratic plurality of 19,000 the Democratic vote is 20,000 less than that of two years ago. In Michigan Winans receives 32,000 less votes than did W. R. Burd, the Democratic candidate in 1888. The Detroit Free Press has published the official returns on Congressmen from the First to Seventh district in the State. The figures show a loss in the Democratic vote since 1888 as follows: First district, 4,388; second, 1,647; third, 3,339; fourth, 2,391; fifth, 1,189; sixth, 3,764; seventh, 2,460; a total in the seven districts of 19,206. This does not look much like Michigan had turned Democratic. —Chicogan Tribune.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23, '90.

The President having finished his annual message to Congress is now devoting the greater part of his time to conferring with prominent republicans on the legislation of the session of Congress that will open next Monday. Speaker Reed, Representatives McKinley and Cannon, the republican members of the House committee on Rules, which has direct charge of the business to come before the House, are all here, and have taken conspicuous parts in these conferences. They think with the President that every Republican representative should be in his seat next Monday, and should remain there until the end of the session, in order that the large amount of business mapped out to be transacted shall not be obstructed by democrats through lack of a quorum of republicans. So plain is this duty that no special methods have been thought necessary by the party leaders to impress it upon the minds of the individual republican Representatives.

But so slow are the arrivals of republican representatives that to-day some uneasiness is being felt in regard to being a quorum of republicans present when the House is called to order at noon next Monday, and the democrats are already gloating over even the prospective lack of a republican quorum, and are openly prophesying that they will be able to block all legislation that does not meet with their approval.

The republicans already here are loath to believe that any member of the party can so far forget his duty to his party and his constituents as to remain away except in case of absolute necessity, during any part of what is to be one of the most important short sessions of Congress ever held, and if any of them should prove delinquent, they will never be forgiven for it, and they shouldn't be either.

It may be set down as a positive fact, on the authority of Speaker Reed, Representative McKinley, and a dozen other big republicans in the House, that not an "I" will be dotted or a "U" crossed in the body of the McKinley tariff law during this session of Congress. This is authoritative. The only legislation affecting the law in the remotest manner will be the enactment of an amendment to the internal revenue section to remedy the error which affects the rebate on tobacco.

If Mr. McKinley is a trustworthy prophet, and I am inclined to think he is, the following, in his own words covers the republican programme: "We will pass the appropriation bills, the appropriation bill, the circuit court bill which relieves the Supreme Court, and which has come back to the House where it originated after being amended by the Senate, and a shipping bill. I have no information as to what the Senate will do with the Election bill, but I assume it will pass it. I do not believe any general pension bills will be passed, but the Union prisoners of war bill, which is meritorious, and one or two other measures for the benefit of deserving classes of pensioners may become laws. Senator Edmunds who never speaks lightly on any subject, says the Senate will pass the Federal Election bill.

The political sensation of the week is the open Senatorial revolt against Mr. Cleveland as the form-ordained nominee of the democratic party in 1892. It is headed by Senators Gorman of Maryland, and Daniels and Barbour of Virginia. It is the all-abiding topic of conversation among democrats, and it has caused a goodly number of them to straddle the fence, so far as the Presidential nomination is concerned. The Hill democrats are fairly shouting with glee, but they had better curb their enthusiasm. Senator Gorman himself has aspirations, and Mr. Barbour is believed to favor a western candidate, so that even if Cleveland is knocked out it by no means follows that Hill can get the nomination.

It is hardly probable that any silver legislation can be secured this winter, notwithstanding the large number of influential republicans that stand ready to support a free coinage bill if the opportunity should present itself. The majority of the party leaders are of the opinion that the silver law enacted at the last session has not been sufficiently tried to enable those opposed to it to say that it has not, or will not accomplish its purpose. The silver men have not, however, given up the hope of securing free coinage.

President Harrison enjoyed a quiet family Thanksgiving dinner at the White House, and to night for the first time the newly decorated Blue Room is to be thrown open, and a reception, which will inaugurate the official social season, given to the Brazilian Naval officers who have come to prevent this Government with a magnificent gold medal for the early action in recognizing the Brazilian republic.

The editor who willfully publishes a lie to injure a man, knowing that it is a lie, ought to be condemned and ignored by every reputable citizen. This is about the size of Dudley's case, incensing M. A. Randall of keeping the worst set of books ever presented to a town board. He knew that was false, and W. A. Weeks, a member of the board, in last week's paper proved him a liar of the worst kind. —West Branch Herald.

Hello there! Nobody ever accused Mr. Grover Cleveland of wearing out his trousers by praying; but he says, and of course, he ought to know, that he prayed for the election of Governor-elect Pattison, of Pa. He is probably now praying for the support of Mr. Pattison and his friends in the national democratic convention.

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Mr Cleveland's portrait is to be done in oil for the white House. It is well to preserve his present appearance as he may not survive the second cooking he will receive when the voters again put him "in the soup," as they are certain to do, should he get his party's nomination.

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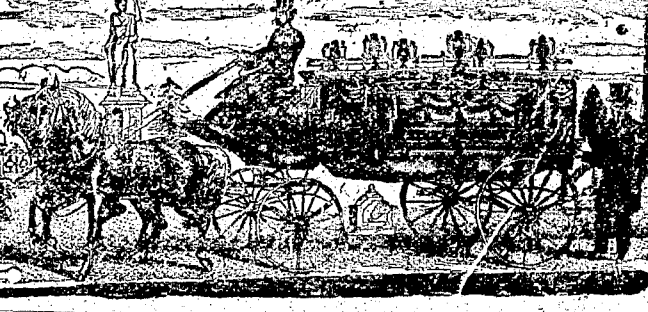
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